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Structure Church of our Lady of Refuge of Sinners (TEX-3135)

N. end of Main Plaza on Estrella St. Brick tower and sandstone nave, 29' x 84', steep gable roof, spired entrance tower. Gothic Revival detail. Built 1854 from design of Father Pierre Keralum, who had studied architecture in Paris before his ordination in 1852. As a missionary priest along the Rio Grande he traveled on horseback from ranch to ranch for 20 years and perished on one of his journeys in November 1872. Only the tower of the Roma church remains to show his work, a larger
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nave having replaced the 1854 building in the mid-1960s.
7 ext. photos (1961); 5 data pages (1962).

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Christ on the Rio Grande, Bruce Piers,
Milwaukee, 1956.
